

into the flinty places of adversity or bereavement, how delicious was the honey which faith drew out of the rocks!

He who orders our pathway into regions of trial conceals the honeycomb for us in the rocks, and makes the oil olive to grow out of the flinty clefts. My fellow-pilgrim, instead of listening to the murmurs of unbelief, listen to the music of the promises; instead of complaining at a hard lot, seek for the honey that lies hidden within it. Selfishness chooses velvet paths and flowery meads; but where Jesus puts you he goes there with you. He can make desert places blossom with roses. This life will look very different when you study its geography from another world. As you look back upon it from the realms of glory, no portion of your earthly pilgrimage will appear to have yielded such unexpected mercies and benefits as those days of trial when you drew honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rocks.

The Holy Spirit a Teacher

Christian Advocate.

The spiritual life is not a life of darkness and ignorance, but of light. When the Holy Spirit enters into the heart He brings light. Much is said in the New Testament about the Holy Spirit as a teacher. Jesus says, "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John says, "The anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him." The same apostle makes this wonderful declaration, "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."

It is easy to run into fanaticism while professing to follow the teaching of these Scriptures. Many have done so. The great Teacher has sufficiently guarded us against this evil. He informs us that the Holy Spirit does not teach any new doctrine which has not been revealed thru the Scriptures. He shall teach men the things that Christ taught. One needs to study the Bible diligently in order that the Holy Spirit may have something to work on. It is well to commit to memory large portion of the word of God, to give the Spirit of God material from which to teach. If we have no truth in our mind, the Spirit cannot greatly enlighten us.

Nevertheless, the Holy Spirit is a real teacher. There are other channels of light also. Science is a channel of light, and some think it is the only channel. Science has revealed wonders, but men know some things which science has not revealed. Man thirsts to know, and needs to know much that science cannot reveal. What can science teach about God, or man's relation to God, or immortality? An ambitious thinker has recently written a book entitled "Scientific Demonstration of a Future Life." Thousands of men and women would be glad to have such

a demonstration. Perhaps the author of the book thinks he has produced it, but many intelligent men who read the book will not agree with him. To the minds of ordinary thinkers this ambitious book does not throw a single ray of light on the perplexing question with which it professes to deal.

The Holy Spirit does teach something on these subjects. By His light the Christian knows God. There is a difference between believing that there is a God and knowing God. A wicked man may believe that there is a God. Many persons who read the Bible learn that there is a God, but do not know Him. Jesus came to reveal the Father, but how slow His disciples were to learn the wonderful lesson! But when the Holy Spirit came upon them and entered into them they saw clearly. This is what Jehovah says about the new covenant: "I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; * * * and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, * * * saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest." The Christian in whose heart the Spirit dwells knows God, not because it has been demonstrated by science that there is a God, nor because wise men have proclaimed Him, nor yet because he has read it in the Bible, but because God has come to Him. He has found God. He has fellowship with God.

By this Spirit the Christian knows that his sins are pardoned and that he is a child of God. He knows that God will pardon sin because He has pardoned his sins. He knows this not only because the Bible says that He will forgive sin, but because the Spirit beareth witness with his spirit that he is a child of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath the witness in himself." "God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

By this same light the Christian knows that there is a future life. He is not troubled about a future life. Science has not demonstrated the proposition, but he has "tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come." He has a foretaste. The apostle calls it "an earnest of the promised possession." He has already received a portion of the heavenly gift. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." It cannot be said that the Christian knows these things perfectly. "We see thru a glass darkly," but we see. "We know in part," but we know. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be," but it doth appear that we shall be.

Faith has two hands; with one it pulls off its own righteousness, as David did Saul's armor; with the other it puts on Christ's righteousness over the soul's shame, as that in which alone it dares see God or be seen of him.—*Sinclair.*

The Mission Field

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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We can only say a few words this week, but are glad to be able to bring joyful tidings. One more precious soul added to the fold by baptism on last Sunday and three more by letter. Thus our hearts are encouraged as we press on in the name of the Master.

We feel very grateful, indeed, that the presence of the Holy Spirit is so signally manifest, and we are made to rejoice more and more on account of his abiding presence. John 14:23. Many seem to fail to realize that this is their privilege.

We feel thankful, too, for the prospect of having a baptistry in the near future. As soon as all the pledges are redeemed we can proceed with that part of the work and make other necessary improvements. Had I the time I would like to tell our experience as connected with the administration of baptism on last Sunday. It was performed in the Eastern branch of the Potomac river and under circumstances most unfavorable, and even dangerous. Suffice it to say, however, that we shall greatly rejoice when we can perform this sacred duty under more favorable conditions.

Brother and Sister Olinger, of Meyersdale, Penna., were with us at the services on last Sunday morning and we appreciated their presence. We can say the same of a sister from Johnstown, whose name I can not now recall. Remember us still at the throne of grace.

The Sunday School

LESSON 6—MAY 6, 1900

Jesus Warning and Inviting—Matt. 11:20-30

Golden Text.—Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11:28.

Lesson Thought.—Responsibility is always proportionate with opportunity and privileges.

Time.—In the latter part of the summer of A. D. 28. Some chronologists put the time one year later, during the mission of the seventy.

Place.—Galilee, in the vicinity of the cities on the shore of the lake.

Persons.—The Baptist still in prison.

Home Readings

Matt. 11:20-30; Isa. 1:1-20; Matt. 25:14-30; I Cor. 1:18-31; John 15:18-25; Eph. 2:11-22.

Lesson Text

20 Then began he to upbraid the cities where in most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not.

21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 Howbeit I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? thou shalt go down unto Hades: for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in thee, it would have remained until this day.

24 Howbeit, I say unto you, that it shall be more